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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following is a complete listing of the claims

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of the present application, with amendments shown. The following listing of claims will

replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of damaging target cells in a subject

mammal, the method comprising administering to the subject mammal

(1) a nucleic acid encoding a compound capable of converting a substrate

to acetaldehyde, wherein said compound is an enzymatically active portion of human alcohol

dehydrogenase; and

(2) a substrate which is converted to acetaldehyde by the portion capable of

converting said substrate to acetaldehyde;

wherein said substrate is ethanol.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising

administering a component that is capable of inhibiting aldehyde dehydrogenase.

3. (original) A method according to claim 2 wherein said component

that is capable of inhibiting aldehyde dehydrogenase is Disulfiram.

4. (previously presented) A method according to any one of claims 1 to

3 wherein the nucleic acid is in the form of a viral vector.

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5. (original) A method according to claim 4 wherein the viral vector is a

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DNA based viral vector.

6. (original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the DNA based

viral vector is an adenovirus derived viral vector.

7. (previously presented) A method according to any one of claims 1 to

3 wherein the nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide comprising a target cell-specific

promoter operably linked to a polynucleotide encoding said alcohol dehydrogenase.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the

portion of alcohol dehydrogenase converts the ethanol to acetaldehyde as a result of its

enzymatic activity.

9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 4 wherein said

vector comprises a target cell specific portion.

10. (original) A method according to claim 9 in which the target cell

specific portion comprises an antibody or part thereof.

11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9 in which the

target-cell specific portion is capable of selectively binding to a cell surface entity.

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12. (original) A method according to claim 11 in which the cell surface

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entity is a tumour-associated antigen.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9 in which the

target cell specific portion comprises a liposome.

14. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1 further comprising

administering radiation therapy is also administered to the subject.

15. (withdrawn) A composition comprising a compound as defined in

claim 1, wherein the portion of alcohol dehydrogenase in an enzymatically active portion of

human alcohol dehydrogenase.

16. (withdrawn) A composition according to claim 15 wherein said human

alcohol dehydrogenase is alcohol dehydrogenase β 2.

17. (withdrawn) A composition according to claim 15 or claim 16 further

comprising a substance which is capable of inhibiting aldehyde dehydrogenase.

18. (withdrawn) A composition according to claim 17 wherein said

substance which is capable of inhibiting aldehyde dehydrogenase is Disulfiram.

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19. (withdrawn) A composition according to any one of claims 15 or 16

further comprising a chemotherapeutic agent.

20. (withdrawn) A composition according to any one of claims 15 or 16

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further comprising an immunosuppressive agent.

21. (canceled)

22. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment of cancer comprising

administering to a subject in need thereof a composition of any one of claims 15 or 16 in an

amount effective to treat said cancer.

23. (withdrawn) A method of treating cancer comprising administering

ethanol or pyruvate to a subject in need thereof.

24. (withdrawn) A therapeutic system or kit comprising a compound or

system as defined in claim 1, or a composition as defined in claim 15 or 16, and a second

component which comprises ethanol, and optionally a third component that is capable of

inhibiting aldehyde dehydrogenase.

25. (withdrawn) A therapeutic system or kit according to claim 24 in

which the aldehyde producing portion is a catalytically active portion of alcohol

dehydrogenase, the second component is ethanol and the third component is Disulfiram.

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26. (0	canceled)	
27. (0	canceled)	
28. an immunosuppressi	(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 19 furtive agent.	ther comprising
29. a chemotherapeutic a	(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 17 furtagent.	her comprising
30. a chemotherapeutic a	(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 18 furt agent.	her comprising
31. an immunosuppressiv	(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 17 further agent.	her comprising
32. an immunosuppressiv	(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 18 furthve agent.	ner comprising

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an immunosuppressive agent.

(withdrawn) A composition according to claim 19 further comprising

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34. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment of cancer comprising

administering to a subject in need thereof a composition of claim 17 in an amount effective

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to treat said cancer.

35. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment of cancer comprising

administering to a subject in need thereof a composition of claim 18 in an amount effective

to treat said cancer.

36. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment of cancer comprising

administering to a subject in need thereof a composition of claim 19 in an amount effective

to treat said cancer.

37. (withdrawn) A method for the treatment of cancer comprising

administering to a subject in need thereof a composition of claim 20 in an amount effective

to treat said cancer.